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SUBJ: PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL

REF: (A) BRASILIA 1566 (B) STATE 55702

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCURS WITH CHANGES PROPOSED REF B
BUT HAS REQUESTED FOLLOWING ALTERATIONS IN TEXT OF SUBJECT
AGREEMENT:

A. RESTRUCTURE PARAGRAPH 3 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

" ONCE A REQUEST FOR A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER HAS BEEN
APPROVED, THE ENTITY IN CHARGE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PROJECT WILL PREPARE A DETAILED PROGRAM OF WORK IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE PEACE CORPS FOR EACH PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEER INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
WILL BE EXPECTED TO WORK FULL TIME ON THE PROJECTS TO
WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL."

B. PARAGRAPH 5 (OLD PARAGRAPH 6, REF A), AS
FOLLOWS: " THEGOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WILL GRANT TO PEACE
CORPS VOLUNTEERS EXEMPTIONS FROM CUSTOMS OR OTHER CHARGES
ON PERSONAL PROPERTY INTRODUCED INTO BRAZIL FOR THEIR
OWN USE UP TO A LIMIT OF 150 KILOS. VOLUNTEERS MAY WITHIN
A THREE- MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ARRIVAL RECEIVE
UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE UP TO THE ABOVE LIMIT."

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C. PARAGRAPH 6 (OLD PARAGRAPH 7): DELETE LAST SENTENCE
BEGINNING " THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WILL EXEMPT . . .".

D. PARAGRAPH 9 (OLD PARAGRAPH 10) AS FOLLOWS: " THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WILL GRANT FREE OFFICIAL VISAS FOR ENTRY INTO BRAZIL TO THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND ISSUE SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS ACCORDING THEM THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES PRESCRIBED BY BRAZILIAN LAW FOR THE HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL VISAS."

E. DELETE OLD PARAGRAPH 11 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING AS NEW PARAGRAPH 10: " AT LEAST ONE MEETING WILL BE HELD ANNUALLY BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF BRAZIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEACE CORPS IN BRAZIL AND OF CONSULTING IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE VOLUNTEERS."

2. COMMENTARY:

A. CHANGE IN PARAGRAPH 3 IS ESSENTIALLY STYLISTIC, BUT BENEFICIAL IN TERMS OF THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS FOR APPROVAL.

B. PARAGRAPH 5 CHANGED IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THAT MAXIMUM EXEMPTIONS FOR ENTRY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IS 150 KILOS FOR ACCOMPANIED AND UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE COMBINED.

C. DELETION REQUESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY IN PARAGRAPH 6 ON GROUNDS THAT SPECIFIC EXEMPTION NOT REQUIRED BY " MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE U. S. EMBASSY" SINCE THEY ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF SUCH PRIVILEGES.

D. DELETION OF " ... PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR STAFFS..." FROM PARAGRAPH 9 WAS REQUESTED ON SAME BASIS AS C ABOVE, I. E., " MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE U. S. EMBASSY" ARE ENTITLED TO DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL VISAS.

E. NEW PARAGRAPH 10 IS ONLY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REQUESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IS SUBSTANTIAL PLUS FROM U. S. POINT OF VIEW. EMBASSY' S INITIAL CONCERN WAS THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY INTENDED TO INSERT ITSELF INTO PROGRAMING PROCESS BETWEEN BRAZILIAN ENTITIES AND PEACE CORPS. IT IS APPARENT FROM CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO US DEVICE OF APPROVAL BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OF VOLUNTEERS AS MEANS OF CHANNELING VOLUNTEERS INTO PROJECTS OR AREAS ASSIGNED A HIGH PRIORITY BY THE GOB. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NO DESIRE TO INTERVENE IN CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH BRAZILIAN ENTITIES EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER APPROVAL GIVEN FOR VOLUNTEERS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE STATED IMPRESSION THAT A NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN BRAZIL ARE WORKING IN ISOLATED FASHION ON ACTIVITIES OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE. IT WAS FOREIGN MINISTRY' S INTENTION TO CHANNEL VOLUNTEERS INTO SUCH AREAS AS GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AND NEW NUTRITION INSTITUTE. ONCE AGREEMENT SIGNED, WHICH THEY ANTICIPATE WOULD BE MID- MAY,

IT WAS FOREIGN MINISTRY' S PLAN TO APPLY SUCH CRITERIA IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE 244 VOLUNTEERS EXPECTED IN JULY. IT CLEAR ON BASIS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE' S REMARKS THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY RESERVING RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OF PROJECTS INVOLVING JULY VOLUNTEERS WHICH THEY FEEL DO NOT COINCIDE WITH THEIR OWN VIEWS OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON SCOPE OF PROJECTS AND HAS DECIDED ON DISCUSSION ONLY AFTER SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT, IT DIFFICULT TO ASSESS AT THIS TIME HOW RIGOROUS THEIR APPLICATION OF NEW CRITERIA WILL BE.

4. PORTUGUESE VERSION OF AGREEMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 2. DECON 4/27/74
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